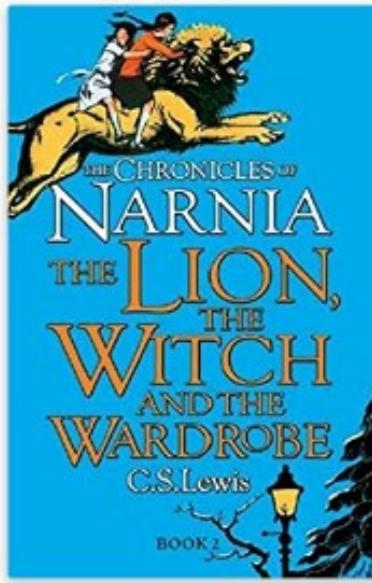


The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Knowledge Organiser



Blurb:

They open a door and enter a magical world.

Four adventurers step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia - a world enslaved by the power of the White Witch.

When almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change ... and a great sacrifice.

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Key Information:

Plot: During the World War II bombings of London, four English siblings are sent to a country house with the eccentric Professor Kirke. Whilst exploring the house one rainy day, the youngest (Lucy) discover an enormous wardrobe, which leads them to a magical, snowy world called Narnia. The false ruler keeps the land in perpetual winter. They must support the true ruler, a lion called Aslan, to defeat her.

Setting: The magical land of Narnia in the 1940s

Themes: friendship, loyalty, good judgment, forgiveness, faith, courage, and self-sacrifice

Key Characters:

Lucy	The youngest of the four siblings - the primary protagonist
Edmund	Second youngest - betrays his siblings to help the White Witch
Susan	Second-oldest—she helps care for Aslan at the stone table
Peter	Oldest sibling—leads the battle against the White Witch
Aslan	The rightful King of Narnia and other magic countries
The White Witch	The primary antagonist of the story

Author Voice:

C.S. Lewis had first had the idea to write a book for children in 1939. At this time, many children were evacuated from England's major cities and sent to live in the countryside because of the threat of bombing during World War II. Lewis had opened his home, The Kilns, to some of these young refugees, one of whom had been fascinated by a wardrobe there, imagining that there was another way out of it through the other side.

Key Vocabulary:

centaur	a mythical creature, half man, half horse
dominions	lands under the rule of a king or queen
faun	a man with a goat's horns, ears, legs, and tail
gilded	covered with a thin layer of gold
mothball	small, Styrofoam-like balls containing chemicals to keep moths away from clothing in storage
renounce	give up
treason	betrayal of a ruler or government

Key Quotes:

"She did not shut it properly because she knew that it is very silly to shut oneself into a wardrobe, even if it is not a magic one."

"Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"..."Safe?" said Mr Beaver ... "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

"He'll be coming and going" he had said. "One day you'll see him and another you won't. He doesn't like being tied down--and of course he has other countries to attend to. It's quite all right. He'll often drop in. Only you mustn't press him. He's wild, you know. Not like a tame lion."

Discussion Points:

- Would you forgive Edmund?
- Why does Aslan sacrifice himself?
- Who is the bravest character in the story?